

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, January 28, 2021 4:30PM
Morongo Basin Transit Center
62405 Verbena Road
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

ZOOM Meeting ID 960 4578 7046
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ACTION MINUTES

1.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:
Property Location: APN: 0617-105-01, 0617-105-02, 0617-105-03, 0617-105-04, 0617-111-08, 0617-111-09, 0617-111-10, 0617-111-11

Corrected APNs:

The Agenda inadvertently listed incorrect APN's for this item. The correct APN's for the properties discussed are: APN: 0617-104-09, 0617-104-08, 0617-104-07, 0617-104-06, 0617-104-17, 0617-104-15, 0617-104-16, 0617-104-25

2.0 CALL TO ORDER –Chair Drozd called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

- 1.1 No reportable items.

ROLL CALL - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present:

Merl Abel, Ellen Jackman, Mark Lundquist, Daniel L Mintz Sr, Ben Sasnett and McArthur Wright and Jeff Drozd.

3.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Employee of the Quarter

Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, presented Larry Malbrough with Employee of the Quarter for his infectious positive attitude, his customer service skills and his versatility to be able to cover any shift. Chair Drozd, Board Member Abel and Board Member Jackman congratulated Larry.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.1 Minutes of the October 22, 2020 Board Meeting
- 5.2 Treasurer's Report for September, October and November 2020
- 5.3 Warrant Register through December 31, 2020
- 5.4 Ridership Reports
- 5.5 Financial Reports
- 5.6 Administration Report
- 5.7 Operations Report
- 5.8 Authorization to Dispose of Vehicle at Auction
- 5.9 Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Facilities & Real Estate Ad Hoc Meeting

ACTION: Board Member Mintz moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.9); seconded by Board Member Wright: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

NONE

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Election of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2021

Mark Goodale explained the past practices of nominating the Chair and Vice Chair.

ACTION: Board Member Wright nominated Board Member Mintz for Chair; seconded by Board Member Abel. Board Member Wright nominated Board Member Abel for Vice-Chair; seconded by Board Member Mintz. Board Member Mintz nominated General Manager for Board Secretary; seconded by Board Member Wright; passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

- 8.2 MBTA Sub Committee Assignments

Mark Goodale requested that Board Members discuss and assign members.

ACTION: Board Member Abel moved to add Board Member Mintz to the Taxi Subcommittee and Board Member Jackman to the TAG Subcommittee and keep all other current assignments as is; seconded by Board Member Lundquist: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

8.3 Approval of Bus Stop Improvement Bid #20-02

Mark Goodale provided project details at Adobe and Amboy Road.

ACTION: Board Member Jackman moved to approve IFB #20-02 and authorized staff to proceed with solicitation of IFB and award to lowest responsible bidder; seconded by Board Member Lundquist: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

8.4 Supervisor Vehicle Replacement

ACTION: Board Member Lundquist moved to approve the purchase of one 2021 Toyota RAV4 hybrid from contract #1-18-23-23C; seconded by Board Member Jackman: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

8.5 2021 Board Calendar

Mark Goodale recommended the Board discuss and accept the presented calendar as is or entertain other considerations such as board meetings every other month or quarterly.

Board Member Mintz requested future Board meetings to be held in person, possibly holding the meetings alternately in Twentynine Palms and Yucca Valley municipalities, while social distancing requirements are preventing the meetings from taking place at the Joshua Tree office. All board members were in full support.

Board Member inquired as to the unmet needs hearing. Mark Goodale explained that unmet needs in that forum was no longer required by statute because MBTA no longer had reserved funding that rolled out to streets and roads.

Board Member Abel felt unmet needs meetings were the most enlightening meetings and allowed them to get a much better feel for the community needs and customer satisfaction and would like staff to recreate a similar type of meeting to get the community input. Nancy Strickert recommended scheduling these in the beginning of each calendar year so any changes can be in time for the next budget cycle.

ACTION: Board Member Mintz moved to approve moving the meetings to every other month, being held on the odd months and alternate locations between Twentynine Palms and Yucca Valley municipalities until meetings can be held at the Joshua Tree facility; seconded by Board Member Abel: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

NONE

10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Wright asked why the bus stop across from Subway by the marine base was a pad only. Mark Goodale explained that was where passengers that didn't have base access can safely exit the bus and meet the bus on the opposite side of the street 15-20 minutes later to be picked back up as the bus left base.

Chair Mintz thanked everyone for electing him as Chairperson and congratulated Larry as employee of the quarter.

Board Member Jackman wished everyone a Happy New Year and looked forward to seeing everyone in person again. Board Member Lundquist dittoed that and congratulated Larry as employee of the quarter. Board Member Sasnett echoed those sentiments.

Board Member Drozd thanked everyone for having him as a Chairperson for the year and congratulated Chair Mintz.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:49pm Thursday, January 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cheri Holsclaw', written over a horizontal line.

Cheri Holsclaw, Asst. Board Secretary